

CLAIMS

The below listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

1-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A method performed by a gaming device comprising:

generating an outcome of a primary game, the primary game generating at least one jackpot winning outcome and non-jackpot winning outcomes, wherein the primary game comprises displaying a plurality of symbols in at least one row and in N columns, where N is at least three, wherein combinations of symbols across the N columns determine the at least one jackpot winning outcome and the non-jackpot winning outcomes, and wherein only some of the symbols are jackpot-incrementing symbols;

simultaneously displaying a plurality of jackpots to a player, each one of the N columns being associated with a particular jackpot within the plurality of jackpots, such that there are N jackpots simultaneously displayed to the player that are associated with the columns;

incrementing a particular one of the N jackpots associated with a particular column when ~~a~~ at least one of the jackpot-incrementing ~~symbol~~ symbols is displayed in that particular column; and

awarding at least one of the N jackpots to a player upon the player achieving a jackpot winning outcome.

19. (previously presented) The method of Claim 18 wherein awarding at least one of the jackpots to a player comprises awarding a plurality of the jackpots to a player for a jackpot winning outcome in a single game, the particular number of jackpots in the plurality being based on an amount bet by the player for the single game.

20. (original) The method of Claim 18 where the jackpot incrementing symbol is a value.

21. (currently amended) A method performed by a gaming device comprising:

generating an outcome of a primary game, the primary game generating jackpot winning outcomes and non-jackpot winning outcomes, wherein the primary game comprises displaying a plurality of symbols in at least one row and in N columns, where N is at least three, wherein combinations of symbols across the N columns determine the at least one jackpot winning outcome and the non-jackpot winning outcomes, and wherein only some of the symbols are jackpot-incrementing symbols;

simultaneously displaying a plurality of different jackpots to a player that may be won in a single game;

incrementing the plurality of at least one of the jackpots based on, at least in part, the occurrence of certain icons at least one of the jackpot-incrementing symbols displayed in the primary game, wherein each jackpot is incremented based on different criteria; and

awarding one or more of the jackpots to a player in response to the certain jackpot winning outcome occurring in a current game, wherein a plurality of the jackpots is awarded in a single game if certain conditions are met, and wherein the particular number of jackpots awarded is based on certain conditions other than an outcome of the game.

22. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21 wherein awarding one or more of the jackpots to a player comprises awarding a plurality of the jackpots to a player for a jackpot winning outcome in a single game, the particular number of jackpots in the plurality being based on an amount bet by the player for the single game.

23. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21 further comprising:

detecting a bet by the player, the bet being one of a plurality of possible bet amounts that can be bet for a single game, the possible bet amounts including a minimum bet and a maximum bet;

wherein awarding one or more of the jackpots to a player comprises awarding a plurality of the jackpots to a player for a jackpot winning outcome in a single game when a certain bet greater than the minimum bet is detected.

24. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21 wherein awarding at least one of the jackpots to a player comprises awarding a plurality of the jackpots to a player for a jackpot winning outcome in a single game, wherein the particular number of jackpots awarded is based on certain conditions other than an outcome of the game.
25. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21 further comprising a plurality of hidden jackpots that cannot be won by a player until displayed to the player, one or more of the hidden jackpots being displayed to the player after at least one of the displayed jackpots is won by the player.
26. (previously presented) The method of Claim 18 further comprising:

detecting a bet by the player, the bet being one of a plurality of possible bet amounts that can be bet for a single game, the possible bet amounts including a minimum bet and a maximum bet;

wherein awarding at least one of the jackpots to a player comprises awarding a plurality of the jackpots to a player for a jackpot winning outcome in a current game for a certain bet greater than the minimum bet.

27. (previously presented) The method of Claim 18 wherein awarding at least one of the jackpots to a player comprises awarding a plurality of the jackpots to a player for a jackpot winning outcome in a single game, wherein the particular number of jackpots awarded is based on certain conditions other than an outcome of the game.

28. (previously presented) The method of Claim 18 further comprising a plurality of hidden jackpots that cannot be won by a player until displayed to the player, one or more of the hidden jackpots being displayed to the player after at least one of the displayed jackpots is won by the player.